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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/838,342

Group Art Unit: 2162

Confirmation No.: 1068

Examiner: Jean B. FLEURANTIN

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPORTING USER REGISTRATION, AND RECORDING MEDIUM
WHICH RECORDS THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005 in which the Examiner has required a restriction, Applicant responds by electing Group I, *i.e.*, claims 1-20, with traverse. The invention of claim 21 is to a computer readable recording medium for storing a program that allows the method of claim 11 to be executed by a computer. Therefore, the inventions of claims 11 and 21 should be examined together as the prior art search for claim 11 would be coextensive with any search for claim 21. Therefore, the requirement for restriction should be withdrawn.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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